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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In the matter of trademark application Serial No. 76271704
For the mark <u>TARGUS ESSENTIAL ACCESSORIES FOR MOBIL COMPUTING</u>
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ARGUS INDUSTRIES, INC., Opposer

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v. Opposition No. 91156626
TARGUS GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC., Applicant

#### **APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REPRESENTATION**

Application is hereby made to the Commissioner pursuant to Trademark Rule s.2.19(b), 37 CFR 2.19(b), for approval of the withdrawal of representation of Opposer, Argus Industries, Inc. ["Opposer Argus"], by the undersigned counsel in the above matter. No responses of any kind have been received by the undersigned counsel from Opposer Argus since the time of its June 26, 2003 Notice of Assignment For Benefit of Creditors, copy attached hereto, rendering any legal representation a complete impossibility. On September 5, 2003, the undersigned confirmed an earlier withdrawal and termination of all legal representation of Opposer Argus by filing and serving a notice to the TTAB/Commissioner, to opposing counsel, and to Opposer Argus, copies attached hereto.

All future notices and documents in the present proceeding may be sent directly to Opposer Argus at the following address: Argus Industries, Inc. estate, c/o Mr. James J. Zec, Trustee, Rally Capital Services, 435 No. LaSalle Drive, Suite 301, Chicago, IL 60610.

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Respectfully submitted by

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## <u>APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF TRADEMARKS UNDER 37 CFR 2.19(b)</u>:

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#### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this Application For Withdrawal of Representation has been deposited in the U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, on January 7, 2004, and has been addressed to the Commissioner of Trademarks, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, USPTO, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, and to counsel for Applicant, S. Daniel Harbottle, Rutan & Tucker, 611 Anton Blvd., 14/Fir., P.O. Box 1950, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

JAMES C. TUTTLE

RALLY CAPITAL SERVICES, LLC

June 26, 2003

To All Known Creditors Of

Argus Industries, Inc. 1100 Howard St.

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

RE: Assignment For The Benefit Of Creditors

Deer Creditor:

Argus Industries, Inc. ("Argus"), an Illinois corporation, has been engaged as a manufacturer and distributor of cameras since 1945 and is headquartered in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

in 2002, Argus had several contracts and outstanding letters of credit with a national distributor, and retailer of office supplies and equipment to sell certain Argus merchandise in its retail stores. In late 2002, this client of Argus cancelled the contracts and letters of credit with Argus for the product that had already been delivered and for the additional merchandise that was to be delivered. Cancellation of these contracts and the letters of credit have made it difficult for Argus to fund day-to-day operations. Based on the aforementioned events, the sole shareholder and director of Argus Industries, inc. initiated and executed an Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors to the Undersigned, not individually, but solely as Assignee/Trustee, by conveying all of the assets of Argus to the Assignee for the specific purpose of facilitating an orderly closure and Equidation of the business.

As Assignee, it is my fiduciary responsibility to account for any and all assets of Argus and to liquidate these assets for the benefit of all creditors for the highest and best possible price, in accordance with priorities established by the laws of the State of Minois, it am further empowered, under illinois law, to distribute the proceeds of this liquidation, less the costs of administration, to the creditors of Argus in accordance with these priorities. The established priorities are first to secured debt; second to administrative claims; third, to priority tax and wage claims and, finally, to all general and unsecured creditors on a pro-rate basis.

As of the Assignment Date, June 18, 2003, financial information provided to me from Argus, without sudit or verification, indicates the following:

#### Assets

Accounts Receivable (Net Collectable) \$2,931,920.00 Inventory \$2,821.672.00 Trademarks/Tradenames \$594,000.00 Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment \$60,000.00 \$6,427,592.00

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Liabilities
Secured Debt
General & Unsecured Debt
Total Liabilities

\$4,235,000.00 \$5,094,848.00 \$9,329,848.00

With respect to the foregoing, Federal and state taxes appear to be current and there are no impending wage claims.

At the time of the Assignment, regotiations were in progress with an unrelated third party for the sale of certain operating assets of Argus as a going concern. These assets include, but are not limited to, trademarks, trademark registrations, servicemarks, trademark registration applications, tradenames, all other names, slogans and copyrights relating to the business of Argus Industries, Inc., the name "Argus" and all other trade and brand names under which Argus transacted and/or performed services, all product designs, specifications, patterns, tooling, patents, advertising materials, licenses, authorizations, customer lists, pricing information, aupplier lists and inventory including finished goods, work-in-process, spare parts and returns. The sale of the assets also includes payment of a fee for collection of accounts receivable and a royalty fee to be paid to the Assignee on future sales.

These regotiations resulted in an offer to purchase the operating assets on an ongoing basis, for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,500,000. At the time of the Assignment, in order to maximize potential recovery by preserving the going concern value of the respective businesses, this offer was accepted subject to the condition that the Assignee would be able to continue to market the operating assets to secure a higher and better offer.

Notice of this offer to purchase the assets of Argus has been given to all known creditors through this Notice of Assignment and through notice in the "Auction Mart" section of the Chicago Tribune on June 29, 2003 and July 6, 2003 (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A). All creditors are requested to immediately complete and return to my office the enclosed Affidavit of Claim which should reflect the belance due you from Argus as of the date of the Assignment of June 18, 2003.

Kindly advance your file approximately 90 days pending our further report and/ or distribution. Thenk you for your cooperation and attention to this matter.

DITIONALY.

James J. Zec. not Individually, but solely as Assigned/Trustee of

Argus Industries Creditors Trust

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# **EXHIBIT A**

## ASSIGNEE'S RETURN OF BIDS SALE

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# **AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM**

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RE: TRADEMARK OPPOSITIONS NO. 91155038 ["TARGUS"], AND

NO. 91156626 ["TARGUS ESSENTIAL ACCESSORIES FOR MOBIL COMPUTING"]

Dear Mr. Harbottle:

Inasmuch as we have withdrawn and terminated our representation of Opposer Argus Industries, Inc. in both of the above matters, we return herewith your tendered discovery interrogatories and Requests for Production dated August 29, 2003 in Opposition No. 91156038 ("TARGUS"), so that you may address them directly to Argus at its Illinois address as set forth in the enclosed copies of our Withdrawsi of Representation.

Sincerely,

James C. Tuttle

JCT/cjb enclosures

cc: Argus Industries, Inc.